

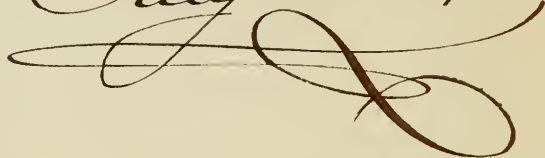


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ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
AUDITING COMMITTEE,  
STREET COMMITTEE,  
AND  
WATER COMMITTEE,

OF THE  
Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny.

FOR THE YEAR 1856,

TOGETHER WITH A TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE GRADING  
AND PAVING OF STREETS, IN ALLEGHENY CITY,  
SO FAR AS WORK HAS PROGRESSED.

ALSO THE REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

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1857.

## RESOLUTIONS.

**RESOLVED,** That the Auditing Committee be and they are hereby authorized to have their Report, the Annual Report of the Committee on Streets, and the Annual Report of Water Committee, published in pamphlet form at the lowest rates.

**WM. ROBINSON,** President S. C.

**JOHN ATWELL,** President C. C.

**RESOLVED,** That the Report of the Guardians of the Poor for the year 1856, be published in connection with the Reports of the Auditing, Street and Water Committees.

**JAS. MARSHALL,** President pro tem. S. C.

**JOHN U. BARR,** President C. C.



REPORT  
OF THE  
AUDITING COMMITTEE:  
FOR 1856.

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE SELECT AND COMMON COUNCILS OF THE CITY  
OF ALLEGHENY:

*Gentlemen:*—The committee appointed by Councils to audit and settle the accounts of the City officers for the year 1856 have, to the best of their ability, performed the duty assigned them, and would respectfully submit the following report as the result of their investigation, which (having been compared with the vouchers presented,) were found correct, showing a balance in the Treasury of Seven Thousand Twenty-eight Dollars and ninety-nine cents—(7,028,99.)

Your Committee would also report that they have compared the Warrant Book, in which is recorded the authority of Councils to the Mayor, to draw warrants on the Treasurer, and find the Warrant Book to correspond with his authority so far as issued.

His Docket has also been examined, showing the amount collected for fines, forfeitures, &c. which corresponded with the payments to the Treasurer, as exhibited in the Report. All of which is respectfully subscribed

JOHN U. BARR,  
JAMES M'CANDLESS,  
CHAS. H. PAULSON,  
JAMES T. SAMPLE,  
G. L. ROBINSON, } *Committee.*

*City of Allegheny, January 14th, 1857.*

**Dr. H. CAMPBELL, TREASURER, in account with the City of Allegheny,**

1856.		1856.	
Jan. 14, To balance in treasury,	3,934 02	By warrants on sundry appropriations:	
Ground rents col'd from Seminary Lots,	1,524 00	No 1. Salaries,	5,032 85
O. & P. R. right of way,	300 00	2. Interest,	31,475 97
Proceeds of notes discounted,	67,669 32	3. Engines,	1,994 51
Six domestic bonds to J. A. M'Kee,	3,279 30	4. Printing,	99 00
Five " Gang, M'Intyre & Co.	2,487 75	5. Streets,	5,807 42
Wm. Wilson on Ferrules in 1855,	43 00	6. Wharfs and Landings,	101 45
A. Davis, new building, 1855,	184 75	7. Rents,	184 75
Do. do.	83 00	8. Surveys,	759 00
Do. ferrules, 1856,	187 50	9. Contingent Fund,	1,627 48
J. H. Logan, board measurer,	54 96	10. Poor,	7,417 16
E. F. A. Faulhopper, do.	8 71	11. Water Works,	10,471 96
S. W. M'Ginnis, do.	42 44	12. Outstanding Warrants,	3,044 88
S. H. Guyer, streets,	908 93	13. Gas,	2,655 00
J. Huston, Wharfmaster,	525 00	Notes and Drafts in Bank,	56,000 00
Wm. Adams, mayor, Fines, &c.	150 00	Redpath judgment, Mr. Hampton,	1,010 76
Fines, Baldwin and others,	20 40	Discount on cy. pa'd A. S. F.	302 38
John Chambers, Weighmaster,	672 12	Bonds to Jos. Scott's adm'rs,	537 50
M. M'Gonnigle, clerk of markets,	3,305 99	J. A. M'Kee, in bonds,	3,279 30
Cart and dray licenses,	686 79	Gang, M'Intyre & Co.	2,487 75
J. Rush, water tax, 1854,	276 00	Expenses per resolutions of Councils,	1,033 39
Do. do. 1855,	9,200 00	Balance cy and scrip in treasury,	7,028 99
John Dyer, city duplicate, 1855,	1,982 19		
Do. poor do 1855,	1,275 34		
Do. water tax, 1856,	3,014 56		
Do. poor tax, 1856,	1,286 54		
Do. city tax, 1856,	3,450 00		
John Ramsey, city duplicate, 1855,	1,743 70		

John Raunsey, poor tax, 1855,	659 50
Do. City Duplicate, 1856,	2,907 12
Do. Poor Tax, 1856,	700 00
Do. Water Tax, 1856,	3,275 29
A. C. Alexander, City Duplicate, 1855,	900 45
Do. Poor Tax, 1855,	320 00
Do. City Duplicate, 1856,	3,071 49
Do. Poor Tax, 1856,	945 00
Do. Water Tax, 1856,	3,121 00
Jas. Graham, City Duplicate, 1855,	4,463 35
Do. Poor Tax, 1855,	1,769 00
Do. City Duplicate, 1856,	5,800 00
Do. Poor Tax, 1856,	1,820 00
Do. Water Tax, 1856,	4,312 00
	<u>142,351 51</u>

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To amt. of Foreign bonds issued,	47,000 00
do Domestic do do	40,590 50
do Seminary Property,	35,000 00
do Bills payable, (for notes discounted,	28,000 00
do Balance due on Redpath judg't.	1,500 00
do Warrants outstanding,	6,133 67
do Interest not called for,	120 03

FINANCIAL REPORT OF 1856.

By John Dyer, col. 1st ward, bal. tax dup. 1856	do.	do.	do. wat. tax,	3,758 39
do.	do.	do.	do. poor do.	2,616 19
J. Ramsey, col. 2d ward, bal. tax dup.	do.	do.	do. water tax,	1,414 08
do.	do.	do.	do. poor do.	2,216 28
A. C. Alexander, col. 3d,	do.	do.	do. water tax,	2,570 71
do.	do.	do.	do. poor do.	1,273 04
J. Graham, col. 4th ward, do. tax dup.	do.	do.	do. water tax,	1,193 97
do.	do.	do.	do. poor do.	3,913 00
				653 51
				4,693 70

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## FINANCIAL REPORT OF 1856—CONTINUED.

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By J. Graham, 4th ward, for bal. water tax, 1856	5,799 87
Do. do do poor " "	2,117 03
J. Rush, do water " 1855	5,720 57
A. Davis, for bal. on new buildings, " "	35 20
" " " 1856	267 00
Ground rent due on Seminary lots,	1,534 65
City Water Wrks, Pipes, &c.,	373,926 45
Poor Farm and Improvements,	53,267 57
Wharfs and Landings,	5,000 00
Engines, Houses, Lots, &c., &c.,	10,000 00
Gas Posts, &c.,	3,500 00
Market Houses, Scales, &c.,	25,844 00
Island Property,	5,000 00
Seminary Property,	35,000 00
Cash in Treasury,	7,028 99
	<u>\$558,344 20</u>

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REPORT  
OF THE  
STREET COMMITTEE:  
FOR 1856.

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TO THE HONORABLE THE SELECT AND COMMON COUNCILS OF THE CITY  
OF ALLEGHENY.

*Gentlemen* :—The committee on Streets, in presenting this, their first annual statement, of Grading and Paving done on the streets, within the City of Allegheny, would respectfully report:

On entering their duties at the commencement of the year, they procured and opened a new set of Books and commenced making settlements with the different contractors.

This involved a great amount of labor and time, as there had never been a settlement with any of the contractors for work done up to that time, and also from the fact that many of the accounts were in such a condition, it was very difficult for your committee to procure a correct account of them.

As for instance, cases have occurred where the books containing the assessments of the different streets were placed in the hands of the contracting parties to collect themselves, as best they could. Some of said accounts had been collected and receipts given; others had been paid and no corresponding receipt given.

This was for the work done before the election of our present Street Commissioner; since that time, any work done or assessments made, the committee were at once able to tell what was collected and balances due.

The work done previous to that time, we had to settle as best we could.

Settlements were made and entered in a Book kept for that purpose, and the acknowledgement of the contractors taken for the same.

The whole amount of Money expended and for which warrants have been authorized to be drawn on the City Treasurer, for the year 1856 by the committee is

			\$8,268,81
Street crossings contracted			
previous to	1856	\$1,567,53	
Street crossings contracted in	1856	697,91	\$2,265,44
Check Roll of Street Commissioners,			632,05
Sundry bills of Nails, Work, Lumber,			
&c previous to 1856		198,85	
Sundry bills of Nails, Work, Lumber,			
in 1856		433,32	632,17
J. & H. Forrester's bill of Tunnel,			3,494,08
Lofink & Khun, culvert on Butchers' Run,			128,50
J. B. Smith, Bridge on Robinson st,			435,00
Wm. Magee, sundry jobs of paving in '51 & '52			70,977
G. L. M'Intyre, grading Union Avenue in '55		172,80	8,268,85
Bonds to J. A. M'Kee, having two years			
to run from July 1st, 1856			3,297,30
Bond to Gang, M'Intyre & Co., having 8			
years to run from Nov. 1st, 1856		2,487,75	
Bond to Gang, M'Intyre & Co having			
8 years from Jan. 1st, 1857.		743,07	3,220,92

It will be seen by the foregoing statement that the expense incurred by the committee for the year 1856 for contracts let and repairs made amounts to \$2,325 78 as follows:—Repairs, &c. \$1,065 37, permanent improvements, Streets, Crossings, Bridges, &c. \$1,260,41

There is now under contract the following sts, which will be finished early the coming season at the following prices: James street to Joseph M'Naught-ter, grading, 25 cts. per yard; paving cartway, 59 cts per yard; brick paving, 39½ cts. per yard; curbstone, 25 cts. per foot.

Perry street to Joseph M'Naught-ter, grading, 19 cts. per yard; paving cartway, 55½ cts. per yard; brick paving, 40 cts per yard; curbstone, 26 cts. per foot.

This last named street has been graded and partly gravelled and will be finished early in spring.

Green street has also been contracted for, from East Lane to Chesnut st. Joseph W. Naught-ter, contractor, as follows: grading, 20 cts. per cubic yard; paving cartway, 56 cts. per superficial yard; brick side walks, 40 cts. per superficial yard; curbstone 24 cts per lineal foot; Cherry street has also been contracted for with George Bothwell, as follows: grading 12 cts. per cubic yard; paving cartway, 42 cts. superficial yard; brick paving, 38 cts. per superficial yard; curbstone, 24 cts per lineal foot.

Middle street, Gang, M'Intyre & Co., grading, 19 cts; paving cartway, 57 cts; brick side walk 40 cts; curbstone, 24 cts, per foot.

Since the enactment of the law of 1849, authorizing the cost of grading and paving the street and alleys within the city, to the property holders, there has been, as will be seen by the annexed "Statement," about sixteen miles of streets graded and paved, at an expense of \$227,871, 38 of which \$201,000 59, are chargeable to the property and \$26,880 79, are chargeable to the city for the crossing.

The said statement also shows that there has been collected \$179,325 45



leaving a balance yet due of \$48,545 94 uncollected, and of this large amount there is due from the property of Mrs Schenley in the Third Ward over \$20,000 A portion of the balances due have been filed up and perhaps some of it will have to be collected by process of law, but as a general thing there has been a willingness on the part of the citizens to pay promptly their assessments, but as in all cases of special Tax, there are many who are unable to pay as promptly as they would desire.

We believe that of the large amount done this year, embracing a front of nearly seven miles, that it all be paid without litigation, except that portion in the Third Ward before referred to, and we all believe *that* would have been paid had not mischievous persons interfered to prevent it.

Cases have occurred during the year where the property holders have agreed among themselves, and graded and paved the street without waiting for the action of Councils.

Your Committee have now in their possession, which they will hand over to their successors in office, several petitions numerously signed, asking for the adoption of an Ordinance to authorize the grading and paving of said streets. We might state in this connection that the expense to the city for crossings, &c. will be comparatively small, as the principal streets and crossings are already paved.

During the progress of the work in the years 1851 and '52, we find that the city was forced to assume the payment of large amounts to the contractors. The sum total thus assumed by the city, your Committee have been unable to ascertain the exact amount, but in our investigation we find that the Solicitor has collected and paid into the Treasury of the moneys thus assumed by the city for grading and paving streets, the sum of \$4,922 14. We also find a balance of \$5,983 25, all of which we believe will yet be collected.

When the Committee at first attempted to make a settlement with the contractors, and to bring the accounts into some shape, so that they might hereafter be readily understood and balanced at any time, the disorder in which they stood, almost determined the Committee to apply to Councils for power to employ a skillful and expert accountant to unravel them; but on consultation and reflection upon the subject, they determined among themselves to persevere, and with the assistance of the street commissioner and the clerk of the committee, to undertake the almost hopeless task, (trusting to your liberality for compensation,) and they have the satisfaction of placing at your disposal a report that they believe will bear the test of the closest scrutiny.

In view of the great amount of extra labor imposed on these gentlemen, Messrs. A. Hobson, and M. M'Gonnigle, and in view of the large amount of money saved by their attention and care, and benefits to the city derived, your Committee would unanimously recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars each be paid to those gentlemen for services thus rendered.

In conclusion we will only add that in our opinion, Councils should for the time to come, employ a competent person to act as clerk to all of the Committees of Councils, and that he be required at the close of each and every year, to render an account of all the transactions pertaining to each Committee. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BOYD, *Chairman.*

COLUMBUS COLEMAN,

JOHN U. BARR,

S. BULFORD,

L. WILMARTH.

STATEMENT

Of the cost of Grading and Paving the Streets within the City of Allegheny, shewing the amount assessed to the City, the Property Holders, the Amounts collected, and the Amount due.

	Whole cost of the streets.	Assessed to the city.	Assessed to the Property.	Collected.	Due.
Anderson Street from South Common to Bank Lane,	1,380 85	115 38	1,265 47	1,380 85	
Ann " " Craig Street " "	1,473 61	92 07	1,381 54	1,222 41	251 21
Arbuckle's Alley	182 43		182 43	182 43	
Allegheny Avenue, grading from Rebecca to Ridge Street,	1,617 14	207 80	1,409 34	898 71	718 43
Beaver Street from Ohio Street to South Common,	1,763 75		1,763 75	1,763 75	
" " across the North Common,	1,032 50	1,032 50		1,032 50	
Beaver St. from Ohio St. to N. C. and from Shannapin St. to City Line	6,591 11	690 64	5,900 47	5,794 59	796 52
Benton Alley from Federal Street to Palo Alto Street,	1,786 94	59 51	1,727 43	1,583 07	203 87
" " from Palo Alto street to Resaca street,	300 00	12 67	287 33	162 75	137 24
Belvidere street from Water Lane to Ohio Lane,	2,798 82	211 27	2,587 55	2,772 81	26 01
Bank Lane from Robinson street to South Common,	1,416 71	345 14	1,071 57	1,210 55	206 16
Boyle street from Shannapin street to Fairmount street,	3,008 97	212 25	2,796 72	2,115 15	893 82
Bank Lane, side walk from Craig street to West corner,	651 59	29 12	620 47	325 71	325 88
Balsh's alley,	170 08	5 17	164 91	12 00	158 08
Chesnut street from Ohio street to Bank Lane,	1,870 82	381 25	1,489 57	1,870 82	
" " City Line,	2,609 37	268 10	2,341 27	2,609 37	
Centre, Race and Vine alleys,	782 30	33 83	748 47	782 30	
Craig Street from Bank Lane to Robinson street,	983 15	151 98	831 17	983 15	
Correy street from " to Killbuck street,	1,797 31	169 14	1,628 17	1,471 93	325 38
Chartiers street from Ridge street to Water Lane,	1,954 80	175 78	1,779 02	1,514 97	439 83
Centre alley from Anderson street to Arbuckle's alley,	562 27	14 08	548 19	562 27	
Creighton's alley from Sampson street to Jackson street,	209 56	9 21	200 35	161 77	47 79
Chislett's alley from Boyle street to Fleming street,	227 29	16 00	211 29	139 79	87 50
Carroll street, side walk from Beaver street to Shield's alley,	297 57		297 57	275 75	21 82
Cedar avenue, side walk from Shannapin street to Anderson street,	2,474 98		2,474 98	2,474 98	



Cedar Avenue, grading side walk from Shannapin st. to Anderson st.	435 12	752 56	319 44	752 56
Darragh street, from Canal to Bank Lane,	223 67	2,201 37	2,201 37	2,201 37
East Lane from Bank Lane to Liberty street,	60 01	1,650 24	1,426 57	
East Lane from Liberty street to Ohio street,	926 05	926 05	866 04	852 71
East Lane from Ohio street to Third street,	2,847 49	2,847 49	2,374 79	1,310 65
East Lane from Third street to City Line,	1,414 34	1,414 34	1,163 48	1,536 84
East street from Ohio street to City Line,	7,174 28	7,174 28	6,125 86	1,163 48
Federal street from North Common to Carroll street,	4,455 39	4,455 39	3,105 86	659 01
Federal street from east side of Market House,	453 53	453 53		3,796 38
Federal street, from west side of Market House,	451 70	451 70		453 53
Fleming street from Shannapin street to Hemlock street,	1,445 32	1,445 32	1,313 30	451 70
Franklin alley from Beuton alley to Taylor Avenue,	645 13	645 13	645 13	1,310 86
Fleming street from Hemlock street to Fairmount street,	1,157 84	1,157 84	1,122 24	392 89
Federal street repairing from South Common to Isabella street,	241 72	241 72	184 06	663 75
First street from East Common to East Lane,	7,195 94	810 02	6,385 92	241 72
Gay alley from Pitt alley to Union alley,	602 31	602 31	565 59	810 02
Gay alley from Middle alley to Webster street,	1,016 59	1,016 59	1,016 59	602 31
Gray's alley from Lacoek street to the Canal,	157 60	157 60	157 60	1,016 59
Grantham street from Bank Lane to Lacoek street,	1,055 62	1,055 62	920 73	157 60
Hemlock street from Boyle street to Fleming street,	664 23	664 23	617 66	436 57
“ from Federal street to Boyle street,	524 60	524 60	472 65	581 57
“ from Fleming to Poplar street,	437 01	437 01	360 83	524 60
Hemlock st. grading from Fed. st. Boyle and fr. Flena. to James st.	477 08	477 08	444 38	112 52
Herron's alley from North alley to Montgomery Avenue,	147 38	147 38	147 38	435 19
Hickory alley from Lacoek street to Bank Lane,	414 96	414 96	400 56	147 38
Heslip's alley, grading from Moury's alley to Hemlock street,	210 25	210 25	210 25	114 40
Isabella street from Federal street to Anderson street,	1,587 59	1,587 59	1,493 75	114 40
Isabella Court from Bank Lane to Robinson street,	422 41	422 41	381 25	1,587 59
Jackson street from Federal street to Pasture Lane,	5,937 25	5,937 25	5,680 86	422 41
Liberty street from Chesmnt street to East Lane,	1,331 66	1,331 66	1,191 29	422 41
	140 37	140 37	1,191 29	5,322 79
				1,010 83
				614 46
				318 83

## TABULAR STATEMENT—CONTINUED.

	Whole cost of streets	Assessed to the city	Assessed to the property	Collected.	Due.
Liberty street from East Lane to East Common,	4,755 85	232 33	4,522 52	4,148 83	606 02
Lacock street from Federal street to Grantham street,	2,463 63	370 11	2,093 52	2,432 97	30 66
“ from Grantham street to Hope street,	1,523 78	161 14	1,362 64	1,252 64	271 14
“ from Hope street to East Lane,	1,152 87	190 51	962 37	190 51	962 36
“ from Federal street to West Bank Lane,	3,402 27	395 43	3,006 84	3,077 83	324 44
Locust street from Federal street to Fleming street,	1,305 58	181 02	1,124 56	1,195 26	110 32
Ledlie street from Federal street to Shield's alley,	2,261 67	72 10	2,189 42	1,149 60	1,112 07
Main street from East Lane to Sycamore street,	2,609 91	253 49	2,356 57	2,550 68	59 23
Margaretta alley from Federal Street to Middle alley,	266 70		266 70	266 70	
Morgan street from Lacock street to Canal,	241 24		241 24	241 24	
Morgan street from Lacock street to Bank Lane,	1,050 34	111 01	939 33	705 45	344 89
Middle alley from Strawberry alley to Montgomery avenue,	862 16	35 03	827 13	744 35	117 81
Middle alley from Shannappin street to Sampson street,	1,379 54	75 68	1,303 86	1,201 74	177 80
Moury's alley from Hezlip's alley to Boyle street,	95 03		95 03	95 03	
M'Kam's alley from Middle alley to Beaver street,	185 40	7 72	177 68	185 40	
M'Brier's alley,	121 92	3 20	119 72	9 92	112 00
Montgomery avenue, side walk from East to West Common,	1,276 89		1,276 89	1,276 89	
North alley from Federal street to Beaver street,	531 34	37 44	493 90	531 34	
“ from Pitt alley to Union Avenue,	1,242 66	50 20	1,192 46	1,242 66	
Ohio street from East Lane to East Common,	3,429 81	379 39	3,050 42	3,429 81	
Ohio street from east side of East Common to Webster street, and from East Lane to the City Line,	9,139 15	3,977 49	5,161 66	8,916 57	222 58
Ohio street from Sycamore to City Line,	2,193 58	112 62	2,080 96	2,096 00	97 58
Ohio street, side walk from Commons to Sycamore street,	1,091 53		1,091 53	1,080 88	10 65
Pitt alley from Diamond to North Common,	548 89	44 18	504 71	444 46	104 43
Pike street from East Lane to Chcsaut street,	1,261 61	32 85	1,228 76	1,193 06	68 55
Pine alley from Water alley to Gay Alley,	489 47		489 47	489 47	

Palo Alto street from Shannapin street to Benton alley,	514 87	87 45	427 42	504 53	10 34
Pump Alley from M'Kain's alley to Barnett's alley,	505 59	23 37	482 22	434 57	71 02
Poplar street from Shannapin street to Hemlock street,	1,524 46	16 78	1,507 68	70 10	1,454 36
Park street, grading from Tremont to Sturgeon street,	136 00		136 00	136 00	
Rebecca street from Craig street to Allegheny Avenue,	7,943 42	472 15	7,471 27	7,213 23	730 19
Rebecca street from Allegheny Avenue to Water Lane,	18,085 04	1,884 64	16,200 40	16,948 65	2,136 39
Robinson street from Craig street to Federal street,	1,094 29	184 43	909 86	1,081 51	12 78
“ from Federal street to Anderson street,	1,373 29	173 38	1,199 91	1,065 67	307 52
“ from Craig street to Bank Lane,	2,463 92	121 42	2,342 50	2,221 26	242 66
Resaca street from Shannapin street to Taylor Avenue,	2,008 60	84 33	1,923 27	267 14	1,741 46
Rose and Vine Alleys,	716 73	32 86	683 87	692 00	24 73
Ridge street, grading,	1,551 03	775 56	775 56	1,551 03	
“ side walk,	793 97		793 97	793 97	
Sandusky street from Bank Lane to Canal,	1,516 19	196 08	1,320 11	1,474 44	41 75
Sandusky street from Canal to Shannapin street,	6,129 97	1,989 37	4,140 60	6,129 97	
Saw Mill Alley from East Lane to Chesnut street,	1,216 34	10 37	1,205 87	1,028 10	188 24
Strawberry alley from Middle alley to Webster street,	534 72	18 52	516 20	458 78	75 94
Strawberry alley from Sandusky street to Union Avenue,	561 44		561 44		
Sturgeon street from Bank Lane to Parker's alley,	1,522 07	35 79	1,486 28	1,368 76	153 31
Sampson street from Federal street to Beaver street,	1,521 62	92 69	1,428 93	1,415 98	105 64
Second street from East Common to East Lane,	5,106 70	592 62	4,514 08	592 62	4,514 08
Shannapin, side walk from Glover's alley to Pasture Lane,	2,843 17		2,843 17	2,775 14	68 03
Stockton Avenue, side walk from Federal to Webster street,	378 03		378 03	327 73	50 30
Triangle at the junction of Chesnut, Ohio and Liberty streets,	239 55	239 55		239 55	
Third street from East Lane to East Common,	5,275 27	603 54	4,671 73	603 54	4,671 73
Third street, grading from East Lane to Chesnut street,	910 40	13 97	896 43		910 40
Tremont street, grading from Rebecca street to Ridge street,	2,593 92	218 70	2,375 22	218 70	2,375 22
Union alley from Benton alley to Taylor avenue,	509 62	509 62	509 62	419 52	90 10
Union Avenue, grading from South to North Common,	362 97	172 80	190 17	341 90	21 07
“ side walk from “	829 68		829 68	829 68	

## TABULAR STATEMENT—CONCLUDED.

	Whole cost of streets.	Assessed to the City	Assessed to the Property.	Collected.	Due.
Virgin alley from East Lane to Liberty street,	466 61	5 59	461 02	393 76	72 85
Voughtly street,	837 84		837 84	565 59	272 25
Walnut street from Bank Lane to Main street,	662 53	38 72	623 81	662 53	
Water alley from Federal street to Union Avenue,	896 92	101 84	795 08	681 24	215 68
Water alley from Federal street to Webster street,	1,753 45	139 51	1,613 94	1,753 45	
Washington street from East Common to Bissell's east line,	1,795 35	23 99	1,771 36	1,795 35	
Water Lane from West Common to Fulton street,	11,988 93	598 82	11,390 11	11,740 30	
Walnut street from Main street to Canal,	719 43	86 72	832 71	627 76	248 63
White Oak alley from Shannapin street to Fairmount street,	2,085 01	47 26	2,037 75	160 73	291 67
West street from Ohio street to Shannapin street,	4,156 96	136 13	4,020 83	136 13	1,924 29
Webster street, side walk from North to South Common,	449 77		449 77	449 77	4,020 83
Water alley, side walk from Federal street to Union Avenue,	270 53		270 53	270 53	
	227,871 38	26,870 79	201,000 59	179,325 45	48,545 94

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R E P O R T O F S U P E R I N T E N D E N T O F T H E W O R K S.

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TO THE SELECT AND COMMON COUNCILS OF ALLEGHENY :

In obedience to the requirements of the Water Ordinance, your Committee respectfully report the following statement of Assessors' and Collectors' accounts, and would refer you to the report of the Superintendent, for the expenditures and improvements made during the past year. On examination of the assessors' books at the first of January, there has been assessed on the different establishments using hydrant water, \$29,179 12, and you will observe by referring to the Collectors' accounts, there has been paid into the City Treasury, \$13,910 85, leaving \$15,268 77 uncollected. The large amount of arrearages and losses would indicate that a change in the mode of collecting would be necessary. Our current expenses for the past year have been greater than was anticipated at the commencement, in consequence of the severe frost last winter. The expense of renewing fractured pipe, together with the relaying of pipe made necessary by the grading and paving of the streets. But for this expenditure, the current expenses of the work would have been considerably less than formerly, perhaps not over \$5,500.

It is gratifying to be able to say that the works have been kept in good order the past year by our efficient engineer, and are now in good condition. Much credit is due to our superintendent for his unremitting attention to, and economical management of the works. Your Committee are of the opinion that his salary is not a sufficient compensation for the past year, and would recommend to Councils an addition of \$100

Herewith you will find submitted the accounts of the several collectors, and the report of the superintendent of the superintendent of the works, which gives a full statement for the past year.



J. RUSH, *Collector of Water Tax for 1854 and '55.*

By amount collected and paid Treasurer of the Tax returned as lost of 1 <sup>st</sup> 54,		\$367 78
Dr. To amount of Duplicate of 1855,	\$27,020 57	
By amount paid January 1st, 1856,		12,100 00
By amount paid January 1st, 1857,		9,200 00
Balance uncollected,		5,720 57

JOHN DYER, *Collector First Ward.*

To amount of Duplicate of 1856,	\$5,630 75	
By amount paid December 30th, 1856,	3,014 56	
Balance uncollected,		2,616 19

JOHN RAMSEY, *Collector Second Ward.*

To amount of duplicate of 1856,	\$5,846 00	
By amount paid December 30th, 1856,	3,275 29	
Balance uncollected,		2,570 71

A. C. ALEXANDER, *Collector Third Ward.*

To amount of Duplicate of 1856,	\$7,304 00	
By cash paid Dec. 30, 1856,	3,121 00	
Balance uncollected,		3,913 00

JAMES GRAHAM, *Collector Fourth Ward.*

To amount of Duplicate of 1856,	\$10,111 87	
By amount paid Dec. 30, 1856,	4,312 00	
Balance uncollected,		5,799 87

A. DAVIS, *Collector of Water Tax on New Buildings of 1855.*

To amount of Duplicate of 1855,	\$219 96	
By amount paid in Treasury, Jan. 1st,	184 76	
Balance uncollected,		35 20
To amount of Duplicate of 1856,	\$350 00	
By cash on account,	83 00	
	<hr/>	\$267 00
To amount of Ferule, 75 at \$2,50,		\$187 50
By amount paid Treasury, as per vouchers,		187 50

WM. WALKER,  
JACOB PAINTER,  
W. W. MARTIN,  
JAMES M'CANDLESS.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS,

FOR THE YEAR 1856.

*Including the Annual Revenue, Expenditures, Extension of Water Pipes, to which is added a Statement of the Present Cost of the Works.*

Amount of rents assessed per Register's Book, 1st ward,	\$5,630 75
“ “ “ “ 2d “	5,846 00
“ “ “ “ 3d “	7,034 00
“ “ “ “ 4th “	10,111 87
Assessments on new buildings,	350 00
Amount for 75 Ferules inserted,	187 50
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Total assessments for 1856,	\$29,260 12

The current expenses for the same period have been as follows :

For coal and slack, per coal account,	\$2,702 11
Less 9,500 bush. coal on hand,	546 25
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Engineer's salary,	\$2,155 86
Firemen and assistants,	700 00
Oil, gum, packing, &c	1,176 00
Bricklaying, fire brick, clay, &c.	256 00
Knap & Wade's bill of repairs,	59 00
	84 95
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Total expense at engine house, \$4431 81

Amount expended as per minute book in labor, castings, lumber, hauling, including salary of superintendent and assessor, 4,243 75

Total current expense, \$8,755 56

The improvement expense for the same period, has been for pipes, lead, labor, &c. &c. \$1,401 07

The number of feet of pipe laid during the past year is as follows :

Union Alley, 2d ward, of 4 inch,	510 feet.
White Oak Alley, 3d ward, of 2 inch,	181 “
Alleys not named, “ “ “	240 “
First street, “ “ of 4 inch;	332 “
To which add amount laid in former years,	97,398 “
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98,661 feet,

or nearly 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles.

There are 150 fire plugs and 216 street valves distributed throughout the city.

Cost of work per report of Committee, Jan. 1st, 1856,	\$372,525 33
Add amount of improvement for 1856,	1,401 07
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Total cost of works to date, \$373,926 45

JAMES RAY, *Superintendent.*

Allegheny, Jan. 8, 1857.

# REPORT

OF THE

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

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TO THE SELECT AND COMMON COUNCILS OF THE CITY OF ALLEGHENY :

*Gentlemen :* In conformity with an usual custom, we present for your consideration our annual report. Owing to a variety of causes over which we could have no control, our expenditures have been increased over former years. Among these we might mention the almost total failure of crops, owing to the continued drought of last season, a deficiency of several hundred dollars, in the appropriation of the year 1855, which had to be met out of the appropriation of 1856. The large increase of transient paupers brought to the city by rail road—the large number of families and individuals to whom we were under the necessity of furnishing temporary relief, swelling the out-door relief to over one thousand dollars, making our expenditures (deducting permanent improvement, stock on hand, &c.) eight thousand one hundred and sixty-two dollars and seventy-eight cents, being a cost to the city of about one dollar and thirty-eight cents per week for each pauper.

For the number of paupers, receipts, expenditures and all other necessary information, you are respectfully referred to papers marked A, B, C, and D, which accompany this report.

Your attention is again respectfully invited to the fact that after repeated surveys, there seems to be a deficiency of from seven to eleven acres of ground in the city farm, there being that number of acres less than our deed calls for.

We take occasion to bear cheerful testimony to the faithfulness and efficiency of all the officers connected with the institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB GEYER,  
JAS. L. GRAHAM,  
D. BOISOL.



RECAPITULATION.

A.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditures.</i>	
Dec. 31, 1856.			
Boarding Paupers,	\$129 43	Salaries,	\$1,290 00
Marketing,	195 47	Labor,	636 00
Requisitions,	8203 20	Improvement,	217 96
Cut Door Relief,	796 80	Flour and Groceries,	2,806 57
Miscellaneous Sources,	157 51	Shoes,	208 13
		Dry Goods,	572 55
		Soap and Candles,	130 06
		Tin and Hardware,	72 84
		Meat,	960 05
		Coal,	408 72
		Miscellanies,	1,092 31
		Out Door Relief,	1,046 80
		By bal. for War'n'ts on hand	40 42
	\$9782 41		\$9,782 41

B.

No. Paupers on hand, December 31st, 1855,	119
Admitted,	132
Births,	4
	—255
Discharged,	120
Died,	17
	—137
No. on hand, Dec. 31, 1856,	118
Males, 52; Females, 66.	
INSANE DEPARTMENT.—No. paying board,	1
<i>Insane Paupers</i> —Males,	4
Females,	8
	—12
Total Insane,	13

C.

*Inventory of Stock, Produce and Outstanding Debts.*

2 Horses,	\$250 00	100 bush. Rye, @ 60c.	\$60 00
2 Mules,	400 00	100 " Corn @ 56c.	56 00
4 Wagons, 1 cart, 1 windm'l	230 00	150 " Oats, @ 30.c	45 00
7 Cows, @ \$20,	140 00	100 " Parsnips, 25 c	25 00
21 Pigs, @ \$3,	63 00	2400 lbs. Pork & Lard, 8c.	192 00
Farming Utensils,	200 00		
72 Hot Bed sashes, @ \$2	144 00		2175 00
Manure on hand,	75 00	Birmingham Bor. \$99 43	
Hay on hand,	120 00	Pittsburgh City, 200 00	
100 bush. Potatoes @ 75c.	75 00	Newcastle Bor. 78 00	377 43
200 " Red Beets, 25c	50 00		
50 " Onions @ \$1.	50 00		\$2,552 43

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Dr.	Jan'y.	Feb'y.	March	April	May	June.	July.	Aug <sup>st</sup>	Sept'r	October	November	December	Total.
Board'g Paupers,	100 00			110 17	\$1 50	\$43 76	93 00					\$78 00	\$429 48
Marking,		\$2 50			25 75	11 56	93 26	24 47	11 85			26 08	195 17
Requisition,					100 00	100 00	1000 00			\$300 00	1,000 00	5,803 20	8,203 20
Out Door Relief,		84 02	\$36 05	78 00	36 00	30 00	34 00	28 50	69 57	212 81	156 50	31 35	796 80
Miscellanies,	2 81	43 20	10 00									101 05	157 51
<b>CR.</b>													
Salaries,						100 60	40 00	50 00	100 00		50 00	990 00	1,290 00
Labor,											43 03	853 00	936 00
Improvement,							28 50	22 50		1002 29	12 00	18 46	217 96
Flour & Groceries											500 00	1,275 86	2,806 57
Shoes,												208 12	208 12
Dry Goods,												572 53	572 55
Soap and Candles												130 06	130 06
Tin & Hardware,		7 49			8 35				21 70			35 30	72 84
Meat,			200 00		25 00	100 00	200 00	100 00		165 00		170 05	960 05
Coal,							125 00				125 00	158 72	408 72
Miscellanies,	40 68	74 81	129 02	88 76	84 52	23 83	84 85	77 43	110 66	17 14	52 72	307 89	1,092 31
Out Door Relief,	65 00	84 02	36 05	78 00	36 00	30 00	135 15	28 50	69 57	212 81	156 50	115 20	1,046 80

ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
AUDITING COMMITTEE  
THE  
STREET COMMITTEE,  
AND THE  
WATER COMMITTEE,  
OF THE  
*Select & Common Councils of the City of Allegheny,*  
FOR THE YEAR 1857.  
ALSO THE REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF POOR.

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1858.

## RESOLUTION.

RESOLVED, That the Auditing Committee, be and they are hereby authorized to have their Report, the Annual Reports of the Committees on Streets and Water, and the Report of the Directors of the Poor, published in pamphlet form at the lowest rates.

JACOB PAINTER, President Select Council.  
JNO. U. BARR, President Common Council.

REPORT  
OF THE  
AUDITING COMMITTEE:  
FOR 1857.

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*To the Honorable, the Select and Common Councils of the City  
of Allegheny:*

The undersigned Committee, appointed to audit the accounts of the City Officers, for the year 1857, having performed the duty assigned them, respectfully submit herewith a statement of the Treasurer's account, and a report of the financial condition of the City at this date.

J. G. COFFIN,  
JNO. WRIGHT,  
D. A. PRESSLY,  
JAMES LOCKHART,  
JOHN ATWELL.

*Allegheny, January 14, 1858.*



with the City of Allegheny.

		CR.
By Warrants on sundry appropriations ordered in		
	1856	1857.
No. 1.	Salaries,.....\$ 594 40	\$ 5,163 23
2.	Interest,, .....	31,274 03
3.	Engines,..... 278 00	736 55
4.	Printing,..... 423 80	97 27
5.	Streets,..... 2,664 18	1,300 53
6.	Wharves and Landings,....	345 95
7.	Rents,..... 25 00	357 25
8.	Surveys,..... 292 33	705 50
9.	Contingent Fund,..... 681 60	1,508 19
10.	Poor,.....	10,691 66
11.	Water Works,..... 987 51	12,652 03
12.	Outstanding Warrants,....	3,067 25
13.	Gas,..... 1,145 97	3,035 86
	Total of 1856,.....	7,092 79
	Notes and Drafts in Bank,.....	71,800 00
	Redpath Judgment, in full,.....	1,544 50
	Exchange for par funds and Eastern Exchange,.....	819 58
	City Scrip destroyed,.....	431 21
	Balance in Treasury,.....	4,307 00

\$156,930 38





# REPORT OF THE STREET COMMITTEE,

## FOR 1857.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Streets, in presenting this, their second annual report, of work done and materials furnished in the department over which they have had control or supervision, would respectfully report, that the whole amount expended, and for which warrants have been ordered to be drawn, for the year 1857, is \$2,414 95, as follows:

Street crossings contracted in 1856,.....	\$533	93
“ “ “ 1857,.....	252	82
Check Roll, not including cleaning Streets,.....	329	71
“ “ Cleaning Streets,.....	493	78
Sundry Bills, Lumber, Nails, Smithwork, &c....	230	43
Appropriation to repair Streets,.....	438	08
“ “ Bank Lane,.....	136	20
	\$2,414	95

Accompanying this report is a statement marked “A,” showing where the money, under the direction of the Committee, has been expended.

There is now under contract the following Streets and Alleys, which will be finished at as early a period in the coming summer as practicable, viz:

	GRADE.	CART'Y.	BRICK.	CURB.
An Alley between Monterey and Resacca Streets, G. L. M'Intyre,.....	24	58		
Carpenter's Alley, John M'Intyre,.....		53	39	23½
Knoll Street, “ “ .....	20	60	40	25
Beach Alley, “ “ .....	20	50		
Pasture Lane, G. L. M'Intyre,.....	25	60	40	25
Middle Street, Gang, M'Intyre & Co.....	19	57	40	24
Green Street, Jos. M'Naugher,.....	20	56	40	24
South Avenue, Tilley, Rose & Adams,.....	22		28	27

We would state that the past year has been unfavorable for street paving, on account of the long continued stages of high water, which is the principal cause of so large an amount of contracts being unfinished, though a portion of them were but taken recently.

During the year there has been graded and paved twelve streets and alleys, embracing a front of 11,144 feet, or about two and one-eighth miles, at a cost of \$11,109 45, assessed as follows: to the property holders, \$10,332 75; to the city, \$776 70. Of this amount there has been collected \$7,685 02, leaving a balance of \$3,424 43 yet due, [all of which can be fully seen by reference to the accompanying statement marked "B."]

At the commencement of the year we found a balance due on streets of \$49,613 22 uncollected. Of this amount there has been collected \$12,988 95, leaving a balance still due of \$36,624 27, [as will be seen by reference to the statement marked "C."] A very large portion of the above balance uncollected is due from the property of one individual in the Third Ward.

Of the balance due the City, as per last report, January, 1857; of \$5,983 25, there has been collected and paid into the City Treasury the sum of \$637 68, leaving a balance still due the City of \$5,345 57.

We would take the present opportunity of referring to an evil (as we consider) that exists in making the Annual Appropriations, without making provision for the unpaid bills of the previous year. This year the appropriations for streets and bridges was \$4,000, of this amount, \$2,444 38 was required to pay the bills of 1856, and for which warrants had been ordered at a meeting of Councils, held December 26th, 1856, and January 8th, 1857, thus taking more than one-half of the whole appropriation to pay the bills of the previous year, and leaving the actual appropriation for the year 1857 only \$1,555 62. The unpaid bills of this year, and for which we ask that warrants be drawn, amount to \$163 87. We would suggest the propriety of including these bills in the appropriation for Outstanding Warrants, and if thought best, change the name to "Outstanding Warrants and Unpaid Bills."

In closing this report, the Committee would recommend to Councils when making their Annual Appropriations for the year 1858, to take into consideration the necessity that exists for a new bridge over the canal, on Chesnut Street, and we earnestly urge a special appropriation for that purpose.

In conclusion, we would state that our very efficient Street Commissioner, Mr. Arthur Hobson, has faithfully performed his whole duty, not only in attending closely to the wants of the citizens and to the work being done on the streets, but has also collected and paid over to the different parties the sum of \$20,673 97. This, of itself, is labor enough, without attending to much else, when the stringency of the money market, and the small amounts of which it was composed, is considered.

Also, the Clerk to the Committees, M. M'Gonnigle, we do bear our testimony to his faithfulness and the correct manner in which he has kept the accounts of this department, a portion of which labor can be seen in this report and accompanying documents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BOYD,  
JOHN PRICE,  
JNO. WRIGHT,  
J. G. COFFIN,  
H. GERWIG.

**A.**  
**EXPENDITURE, BY MONTHLY ROLL, OF THE STREET COMMISSIONER.**

	MONTHLY.	CITY.	1ST WARD.	2D WARD.	3D WARD.	4TH WARD.
January, 1857,.....	\$ 14 70			\$ 8 40	\$ 6 30	
February, ".....	7 35	\$ 1 05		3 20	3 10	
March, ".....	42 75		\$ 14 61	28 11		
April, ".....	25 90	19 90			6 00	
May, ".....	77 34	10 00				
June, ".....	207 68		12 50	6 00	15 20	\$ 33 64
July, ".....	127 34		62 20	55 10	44 00	46 33
August, ".....	138 67		30 60	20 40	21 10	55 14
September, ".....	101 65		43 40	30 60	22 67	42 00
October, ".....	21 72	15 62	20 10	34 25	22 90	24 40
November, ".....	25 59	18 75			6 10	
December, ".....	32 98		5 20	3 42	3 42	6 93
	\$823 49	\$65 22				
In cleaning Streets \$493 78 of the above was expended, viz:.....			157 80	76 60	98 87	160 51
Appropriation of \$1500 00, June 4, 1857, to repair Streets, amount expended \$438 08, viz:.....			223 27	155 19	27 31	32 31
Appropriation of \$500 00, September 17, 1857, to repair Bank Lane, amount expended,.....			\$411 88	\$359 02	\$184 60	\$376 95

B.

## A STATEMENT

*Of the cost of Grading and Paving the Streets and Alleys, within the City of Allegheny, for the year 1857, showing the whole cost of the same. The amount assessed to the Property Holders and to the City; also the amount collected and the amount due.*

	Whole cost of Streets.	Assessed to City.	Assessed to Property.	Collected.	Due.
Bank Lane Side Walk, from Anderson to Chestnut Street,...	\$ 1,128 78		\$ 1,128 78	\$ 300 13	\$ 828 65
Burgess Alley,.....	208 75		208 75	169 60	111 15
Benton Alley, west of Resacca Street,.....	1,046 90	148 35	898 55	438 28	608 62
Cherry Street,.....	1,258 64	94 92	1,163 72		1,258 64
Hezlep's Alley, from Hemlock Street to Magee Alley,.....	367 30		367 30		367 30
James Street, .....	2,036 49	375 18	1,661 31	601 74	1,434 75
Montgomery Alley,.....	271 43		271 43	271 43	
North Alley, from Beaver to Webster Streets,.....	168 48	35 28	133 20	168 48	
Pitt Alley, from Gay to Water Alley,.....	444 83	33 64	411 19	177 95	266 88
Perry Street,.....	420 92	10 14	410 78	211 81	209 11
Tomato Street,.....	2,395 67	55 78	2,339 49	545 23	1,850 44
Temperance Alley,.....	925 90	17 39	908 51	451 39	474 51
	863 36	6 02	357 34	88 39	274 97
	\$11,109 45	\$776 70	\$10,332 75	\$7,685 02	\$3,424 43

C.  
A STATEMENT OF THE BALANCES DUE ON STREETS.

January, 1857, showing how much has been collected in 1857; also, the balance due January, 1858.

	BALANCE DUE January, 1857.	COLLECTED.	BALANCE DUE January, 1858.
Ann Street,.....	\$ 251 21	\$ 22 75	\$ 228 46
Allegheny Avenue, from Rebecca to Ridge Street,.....	718 43		718 43
Beaver Street, from Ohio St. to N. Common, and from N. Common to City Line,...	796 52	500 92	295 60
Benton Alley, from Federal to Palo Alto Street,.....	203 87	67 72	136 15
“ “ Palo Alto to Resacca Street,.....	137 24	137 24	
Bidwell Street,.....	26 01		26 01
Bank Lane, from Robinson Street to South Common,.....	206 16		206 16
Boyle Street, from Shanapin to Fairmount Street,.....	893 82	425 47	468 35
Bank Lane Side Walk, from Craig Street west,.....	325 88	292 96	32 92
Balgh Alley,.....	158 08	91 13	66 95
Corry Street, from Bank Lane to Killbuck Street,.....	325 38	145 19	180 19
Chartiers Street, from Ridge Street to Water Lane,.....	439 83		439 83
Creighton's Alley, from Sampson to Jackson Street,.....	47 79	47 79	
Chislett's Alley, from Boyle to Fleming Street,.....	87 50	54 50	33 00
Carroll Street Side Walk, from Beaver Street to Shields Alley,.....	21 82	21 82	
East Lane, from Liberty to Ohio Street,.....	73 34	43 17	30 17
“ “ Ohio to Third Street,.....	1,536 84	360 41	1,176 43
“ “ Third Street to City line,.....	1,163 48	287 25	876 23
Federal Street, from North Common to Carroll Street,.....	659 01	204 55	454 46
Fleming Street, from Shanapin to Hemlock Street,.....	134 46	28 02	106 44
Franklin Alley, from Benton Alley to Taylor Avenue,.....	252 24	142 84	109 40
Fleming Street, from Hemlock to Fairmount Street,.....	494 09	278 65	215 44
First Street,.....	6,395 92	226 26	6,169 66



## TABULAR STATEMENT OF BALANCES DUE ON STREETS—CONTINUED.

	BALANCE DUE January, 1857.	COLLECTED.	BALANCE DUE January, 1858.
Grantham Street, from Bank Lane to Lacoek Street,.....	\$ 619 05	\$ 396 10	\$222 95
Hemlock Street, from Boyle to Fleming Street,.....	82 66		82 66
" " Fleming to Poplar Street,.....	324 49	141 27	183 22
" " Grading from Federal to Boyle and from Fleming to James Street, Hickory Alley,.....	41 89	17 70	24 19
Jackson Street, from Federal Street to Pasture Lane,.....	460 56	344 99	55 57
Liberty Street, from Chesnut Street to East Lane,.....	614 46	185 00	429 46
" " East Lane to East Commons,.....	318 83	214 29	104 54
Lacoek Street, from Federal to Grantham Street,.....	606 02	345 67	351 35
" " Grantham to Hope Street,.....	30 66	30 66	
" " Hope Street to East Lane,.....	271 14		271 14
" " Federal Street to West Bank Lane,.....	962 36	895 36	67 00
Locust Street,.....	324 44	22 25	302 19
Ledlie Street,.....	110 32		110 32
Main Street,.....	1,112 07	1,080 57	22 50
Morgan Street, from Lacoek Street to Bank Lane,.....	59 23	18 50	40 73
Middle Alley, from Strawberry Alley to Montgomery Avenue,.....	344 89	208 38	136 51
" " North Common to Sampson Street,.....	117 81	117 81	
M'Brier's Alley,.....	177 80		177 80
Ohio St. from Webster St. to east side of E. Con. and from East Lane to City line, Ohio Street, from Sycamore Street to City line,.....	112 00	69 28	42 72
" " Side Walk, from East Commons to Sycamore Street,.....	222 58		222 58
Pitt Alley, from Diamond to North Common,.....	97 58		97 58
Pike Street,.....	10 65		10 65
Palo Alto Street, from Shannapin Street to Benton Alley,.....	104 43	27 61	76 82
Pump Alley,.....	68 55	68 55	
	10 34		10 34
	71 02	20 00	51 02

Poplar Street, from Shannapin to Hemlock Street,.....	1,454 36	1,161 39	292 97
Rebecca Street, from Craig Street to Allegheny Avenue,.....	730 19	108 02	622 17
“ “ Allegheny Avenue to Water Lane,.....	2,136 39		2,136 39
Robinson Street, from Craig to Federal Street, 1st Ward,.....	12 78		12 78
“ “ Federal to Anderson Street, 4th Ward,.....	307 52	159 71	147 81
“ “ Craig Street to Bank Lane, 1st Ward,.....	329 03	24 97	304 06
Resacca Street,.....	1,741 46	1,537 81	203 65
Rose and Vine Alleys,.....	24 73		24 73
Sandusky Street, from Bank Lane to the Canal,.....	41 75		41 75
Sawmill Alley, from East Lane to Chesnut Street,.....	188 24	84 11	104 13
Strawberry Alley, from Middle Alley to Webster Street,.....	75 94	75 94	
Sturgeon Street, from Bank Lane to Parker Alley,.....	153 31	66 23	87 08
Sampson Street,.....	105 64	105 64	
Second Street, from East Common to East Lane,.....	4,514 08	113 01	4,401 07
Shannapin Street Sidewalk, from Clover Alley to Pasture Lane,.....	68 03	68 03	
Stockton Avenue Sidewalk, from Webster to Federal Street,.....	50 30		50 30
Third Street, from East Common to East Lane,.....	4,671 73	231 60	4,440 13
“ “ Grading from East Lane to Chesnut Street,.....	910 40		910 40
Tremont Street, Grading from Rebecca to Ridge Street,.....	2,375 22		2,375 22
Union Alley,.....	90 10	90 10	
Union Avenue, Grading,.....	21 07		21 07
Virgin Alley,.....	72 85	62 21	10 64
Voegtly Street,.....	272 25	201 58	70 67
Water Alley, from Federal Street to Union Avenue,.....	215 68		215 68
Water Lane, from Irwin's Avenue to Fulton Street,.....	248 63	70 20	178 43
Walnut Street, from Main Street to Canal,.....	291 67	47 87	243 80
White Oak Alley,.....	1,924 29	906 53	1,017 76
West Street, from Ohio to Shannapin Street,.....	4,020 83	273 37	3,747 46
	\$ 49,613 22	\$ 12,988 95	\$ 36,624 27

# REPORT OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, FOR 1857.

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*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—We herewith present for your consideration, our report of assessments, collections, &c., for 1857; together with statement of expenditures for running of Works, repairs to Basin, Pipes, &c., as set forth in the accompanying report of our Superintendent, which we believe to be correct.

It will be seen by this Report that during the year just closed, our expenditures have exceeded the appropriations. This is owing to the unusual severity of the winter, which destroyed a very large quantity of our main pipes; and also to the amount of repairs made to water basin, as per instruction of Councils; these repairs, we are gratified to say, have been made to our satisfaction, and we do not anticipate any trouble from that source hereafter. The expense connected therewith will be found in Superintendent's Report. The total amount of assessments for 1857, including new buildings, is \$38,755 18, of this sum there has been collected and paid into the Treasury, as per vouchers, \$19,351 88, leaving a balance yet to collect of \$19,403 30, and which we hope to collect without loss to the city; a much larger amount would doubtless have been collected and paid over, but for reasons well known to Councils. Our whole expenses for the year amount to \$13,829 46. If we deduct from this sum the amount expended for repairs to basin, relaying to a proper depth the large quantity of pipe, lost by being frozen, as well as labor in sinking pipes that were not destroyed, it will be found that our actual expenses for carrying on works for the year, will not exceed \$8,000 00. It is a source of gratification to us to report that all is now in excellent condition, and we trust that we shall not soon again require such outlays in the management of works, repairs, &c. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on our worthy Superintendent, Mr. Alston, and Engineer, Mr. Shannon, for their unremitting attention to the city interest; we would also beg to commend to Councils, our Assessor, Mr. Davis, to whose watchful care we are much indebted for full and correct assessments; having devoted his whole time in attending to the duties of his appointment, we are of the opinion that the salary of \$300 00 is insufficient to compensate him, and recommend that an increase of \$100 00 be made for the past year, and that the salary be fixed at \$400 00 per year hereafter.

We submit herewith statements of accounts with our several collectors.



*J. Rush, Collector, 1855.*

To amount of Duplicate,.....	\$27,020 57	
“ Extra Collections,.....	136 19	
		\$ 27,156 76
By amount paid Treasurer,.....	\$21,942 26	
“ Commission,.....	678 62	
		22,620 88
Balance uncollected,.....	\$ 4,535 88	

*John Dyer, Collector 1st Ward.*

To amount of Duplicate, 1856,.....	\$ 5,630 75	
“ Extra Collections,.....	54 69	
		\$ 5,685 44
By amount paid Treasurer,.....	\$ 4,859 75	
“ Commission,.....	150 76	
		5,010 51
Balance uncollected,.....	\$ 674 93	

*John Ramsey, Collector 2nd Ward.*

To amount of Duplicate, 1856,.....	\$ 5,846 00	
“ Extra Collections,.....	95 49	
		\$ 5,941 49
By Commission,.....	\$ 154 14	
“ amount paid Treasurer,.....	4,984 00	
		5,138 00
Balance uncollected,.....	\$ 803 35	

*A. C. Alexander, Collector 3rd Ward.*

To amount of Duplicate, 1856,.....	\$ 7,034 00	
By Commission,.....	\$ 180 07	
“ amount paid Treasurer,.....	5,665 62	
		5,845 69
Balance,.....		1,188 31
Due by Collector,.....	\$ 156 82	
Uncollected,.....	1,031 49	
		\$ 1,188 31

*James Graham, Collector 4th Ward.*

To amount of Duplicate, 1856,.....	\$ 10,111 87	
By Commission,.....	\$ 256 72	
“ amount paid Treasurer,.....	8,277 00	
		8,533 72
		1,578 15
Due by Collector,.....	\$ 23 76	
Uncollected,.....	1,554 39	
		\$ 1,578 15

*A. Davis, Assessor.*

To amount on New Buildings, &c. 1856,	.....	\$353 32
By " paid Treasurer,	.....	340 55
Balance uncollected,	.....	\$ 12 77
To amount due for Ferrules, 1856,	.....	76 75
By " paid Treasurer,	.....	76 75

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AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1857, \$38,755 18, VIZ :

<i>S. Bulford, Collector 1st Ward,</i>	.....	\$ 7,225 75
Paid Treasurer on account,	.....	3,104 88
Due City,	.....	\$4,120 87
<i>John Ramsey, Collector 2nd Ward,</i>	.....	\$ 8,814 60
Paid Treasurer on account,	.....	4,067 00
Due City,	.....	\$ 4,747 60
<i>A. C. Alexander, Collector 3rd Ward,</i>	.....	\$ 8,999 15
Paid Treasurer on account,	.....	4,990 00
Due City,	.....	\$ 4,009 15
<i>James Graham Collector 4th Ward,</i>	.....	\$ 13,302 54
Paid Treasurer on account,	.....	7,190 00
Due City,	.....	\$ 6,112 54
<i>A. Davis, Assessor,</i>		
To assessments on New Buildings, 1857,	.....	\$413 14

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WALKER,  
JOSEPH KIRKPATRICK,  
WM. F. DILL,  
ANDW. DAVIDSON.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS,  
FOR 1857.

Current Expenses of Works for 1857, as follows, viz :	
For Engineers' Salary,.....	\$ 750 00
“ Firemen and Assistant Engineer,.....	1,264 37
	\$ 2,014 37
“ Watchman at Basin,.....	234 00
	\$ 2,248 37
“ Coal and Slack,.....	\$2,688 58
“ Packing and Rope,.....	84 96
“ Oils, Repairs, &c. (part 1856,).....	395 33
“ Lumber used at Works,.....	85 59
“ Brick Work,.....	40 75
	\$ 3,295 21
Paid labor on streets, sinking and relaying pipes,	2,327 55
“ Lead, Lumber, repairs to Plugs, &c. &c.....	1,434 24
“ New Pipe, Castings and Hardware,.....	2,754 19
Less Old Pipe, &c. returned,.....	728 24
	2,025 95
“ Expenses in repairing Basin, as per vouchers,	2,498 14
Total,.....	\$ 13,829 46
Cost of Water Works as per report, Jan. 1, '57,	\$373,926 45
Amount of Improvement in 1857,.....	1,506 00
Total cost, January 1, 1858,.....	\$375,432 45
Amount of Assessments for 1857,.....	\$38,755 18
Extension of Pipe—1,226 feet, 4 inch., 180 feet 5 inch., 2,596 feet assorted, relaid destroyed by frost; 7,000 feet lowered to proper depth.	

JOHN ALSTON, *Superintendent.*

*Allegheny, January 14, 1858.*

# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR, FOR 1857.

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*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with our usual custom, we herewith present for your consideration our Annual Report.

The average number of paupers maintained at the City Farm, during the past year, has been one hundred and thirteen, the cost per week for each pauper has been one dollar and forty-two cents. For the number of paupers received, discharged, buried, bound out, &c.; receipts, expenditures, and all other necessary information, you are respectfully referred to papers marked A, B, and C, which accompany this report.

We take occasion to bear cheerful testimony to the faithfulness and efficiency of all the officers connected with the institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB GEYER,  
JAS. L. GRAHAM,  
DANIEL BOISOL.









